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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CYRUS VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

1. AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO VISIT THE
MIDDLE EAST AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. YOU SHOULD
THEREFORE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO FOREIGN
MINISTER FAHMY.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

PRESIDENT CARTER ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO MAKING
SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THIS YEAR TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS AMBASSADOR EILTS HAS TOLD
YOU, THE PRESIDENT HAS THEREFORE ASKED ME TO VISIT CERTAIN
KEY MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS SO THAT WE MAY HAVE THE BENEFIT
OF THE VIEWS OF THE LEADERS IN THE AREA AS WE DEVELOP OUR
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OWN THINKING ABOUT HOW PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE CAN BEST BE
ACHIEVED. IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO ME TO VISIT
EGYPT AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT
SADAT AND YOU, AND TO RECEIVE YOUR ADVICE AND COUNSEL,
BEFORE I VISIT ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY. IF IT IS CON-
VENIENT TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND YOU, I WOULD THEREFORE PRO-
POSE TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO ABOUT 11 A.M. ON THURSDAY,

FEBRUARY 17 AND TO DEPART ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18,

ABOUT 11 AM. FOR AMMAN. I ALSO PLAN TO VISIT SYRIA AND SAUDI ARABIA, AND WILL ALREADY HAVE VISITED ISRAEL. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING PRESIDENT SADAT AND YOU AND CONVEYING THE HOPES OF PRESIDENT CARTER THAT THIS WILL BE A FRUITFUL YEAR FOR THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING WHETHER THE FOREGOING TIME WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY. END MESSAGE.

3. PLEASE INFORM FAHMY THAT, ASSUMING ALL CONCERNED AGREE TO MY PROPOSED VISIT AND TO ITS TIMING, MY TRIP WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AT ABOUT NOON, WASHINGTON TIME, MONDAY, JANUARY 24.
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